

TOPIC: Finsterwalde Airfield

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EVALUATION: see below

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REMARKS:

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1. At 5 p.m. on 9 September 1952, source saw two van-like trucks in the yard of house No. 2 at Stalin Platz in Finsterwalde. A radar set consisting of a mast three times higher than the truck and fitted with a cross bar, from which seven rods extended, was being installed on the truck. On 22 September, the same two trucks were seen on the premises of the building; however, the radar set had been dismantled. *

2. Trucks [redacted] having drivers who wore black-bordered blue epaulets and jeep [redacted] which frequently stopped in front of the Soviet kommandatura on Schackdorferstrasse, were seen almost daily in the town.

3. About 9 September, six railroad carloads of coal from Frankenstein consigned to Unit Abkseevsky arrived on the spur track of the former screw factory. **

4. Vehicles observed in Finsterwalde during the period from 11 through 27 September

The drivers of these vehicles wore black-bordered blue epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets. ***

* [redacted] Comment. Source observed the installation of a RUS-2 type radar set. For location of building, see item 5 on the town plan of Finsterwalde transmitted with [redacted].

** [redacted] Comment. Unit Abkseevsky is reported for the first time. The administrative building of the former screw factory is occupied by the headquarters of the bomber corps. See item 3 on town plan of Finsterwalde.

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